

Staff Report

Report To: City Council
Report From: Cassandra Cesco, Supervisor of Environmental Services
Meeting Date: December 12, 2022
Report Code: OP-22-054
Subject: Call2Recycle Amending Agreement

Recommendations:

THAT in consideration of Staff Report OP-22-054 respecting Call2Recycle Amending Agreement, City Council directs staff to bring forward a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to amend the agreement between Call2Recycle Canada Inc. and the Corporation of the City of Owen Sound as outlined in the report.

Highlights:

- Call2Recycle is a not-for-profit stewardship organization that is responsible for recycling consumer batteries
- City Council approved the execution of an ongoing agreement with Call2Recycle on July 27, 2020, to allow the City to comply with the new battery disposal regulation
- In 2020, 1,417 kilograms of eligible batteries were collected and disposed of by Call2Recycle.
- Commencing January 1, 2023, the revised compensation will be increased to \$0.65 per kilogram for depot battery collection and \$1.42 per kilogram for Household Hazardous Waste events battery collection

Strategic Plan Alignment:

This report supports the delivery of Core Service.

Previous Report/Authority:

[OP-20-028 – Call2Recycle Agreement](#)

Background:

The City of Owen Sound collaborates with surrounding municipalities to deliver Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection and disposal services. The Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste (MHSW) Program allows Ontario residents to safely dispose of household products that require special handling, including consumer-use batteries. The wind-up of the battery program managed under the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (RPRA) occurred on June 30th, 2020. City Council approved the original execution of the agreement with Call2Recycle at a meeting held on July 27, 2020, for the City to comply with the new battery disposal regulation (O. Reg. 30/20 Batteries) and continue to receive payments for batteries collected under the new framework.

Analysis:

Call2Recycle is a not-for-profit stewardship organization established as a Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) responsible for recycling consumer batteries. The agreement allows the City to ensure compliance with O. Reg. 30/20 and properly dispose of and recycle used consumer-type batteries.

The original agreement includes compensation rates in Section 4.1 for depot collection (container at the Public Works office) fees and Household Hazardous Waste Event collections fees. The compensation up to December 31, 2022, is \$0.55 per kilogram for depot collection and \$1.20 per kilogram for Household Hazardous Waste events collection.

An amendment is required to revise the compensation rates to \$0.65 per kilogram for depot collection and \$1.42 per kilogram for Household Hazardous Waste events collection, commencing January 1, 2023. The amendment also revises Section 4.1 to include wording that direct compensation costs will be set per calendar year and indicates that Schedule "A" (compensation rates) may be amended from time to time and will unilaterally increase upon written notice to the City.

The Agreement is in full force and effect until otherwise terminated. Either party may terminate the Agreement with at least 180 days' written notice. Call2Recycle may terminate the Agreement if:

- Province of Ontario cancels the recycling plan
- City subcontracts or assigns any rights or obligations under the Agreement
- City makes non-conforming shipments to Call2Recycle
- A receiver or trustee is appointed for any part of the assets of Call2Recycle

Financial Implications:

Call2Recycle is a producer-funded organization that has negotiated and entered into agreements with Canadian Provinces, including Ontario, to provide this service on behalf of battery producers and will not levy any charges or fees to the City. Call2Recycle will compensate the City for battery collection and pay the freight provider directly for shipments of bulk consumer-used batteries collected by the City and shipped in approved containers, subject to the approval of the freight provider by Call2Recycle.

In 2020, 1,417 kilograms of eligible batteries were collected and disposed of by Call2Recycle. The City received \$1,700.40 in compensation from the 2020 fee of \$1.20 per kilogram to cover operating costs from the events. With the increased compensation rate of \$1.42, the City would receive a total of \$2,012.14 for the same quantity of eligible batteries collected and disposed of, up \$311.74 from the compensation received in 2020.

Communication Strategy:

Through the regular posting of regular Council meeting agendas and minutes on the City's website.

Consultation:

The Director of Public Works and Engineering, Manager of Engineering Services and staff at Call2Recycle were consulted in the preparation of this report.

Attachments:

Call2Recycle Amending Agreement

Recommended by:

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Submission approved by:

Tim Simmonds, City Manager

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